

NATION IN DANGER

Newspaper Aristocracy Has Strong Hold—J. A. Myers.

Local Attorney Sees Trouble Due to Freedom of Press.

SLAP AT P. U. C. ATTORNEY

"H. A. Russell Not Fit to Hold Office," Says Senator Fisher.

Free-for-All at Meeting of Topeka Real Estate Board.

It was a stark and grisly picture of the evils of newspaper domination over the government and the country which State Senator Hugh T. Fisher and J. Arthur Myers, local attorney, drew before the meeting of the Topeka real estate board at the Y. W. C. A. Thursday night.

Following the business session of the board, Senator Fisher was invited to speak. He gave the members a few words of advice on the management of their proposed bill for the licensing of real estate dealers in the state, and then took a running start and a plunge into a high voltage defense of the courts of the country and of Shawnee county in particular.

Senator Fisher took as his text the report of H. A. Russell, attorney for the state public utilities commission, quoted in Thursday's morning paper as follows:

"The commission, taking all the above matters into account, deems what it considered a very reasonable rate, and the company, being dissatisfied, turned to the friend of the 'oppressed' public utility, the Shawnee county district court, and secured a restraining order and was permitted to charge 30 cents per thousand cubic feet more than the commission deemed just, reasonable and necessary under an efficient and honest administration of the utility."

The senator divided his arraignment about fifty-fifty between the

lawyer who made the report and the newspaper which published it. He characterized the statement as the most dastardly that could be made in its disrespect for the courts and declared that its author "isn't fit to be drawing a salary from the state."

Haps Utilities Commission.

"He wants to bamboozle the people and hold his job in the state house," the senator declared and then warning to his subject extended his remarks to apply to some member of the state commission whom he did not name, but "all he does is run up and down the country and spend the taxpayer's money, and put propaganda in the newspapers in order to run for something in two years from now."

Fisher expressed himself as being all ready to get rid of the members of public utilities commission, saying, "In my own opinion we better clean house this year and let the state officials know that the people of the state honor their courts."

The reason that the state public utilities commission has lost a large number of its cases before the Shawnee county district court, according to Fisher, was because the commission "either didn't understand the law, or didn't want to understand it."

Myers Blames Press.

J. Arthur Myers, following the trail which Senator Fisher had blazed, threw in with him, part way, Myers appeared to remember that the public official who made the report which roused the senator, was a member of his own profession, and devoted two words to him and the remainder of his tirade to the newspapers.

Press censorship, curtailment of the freedom of the press, license laws for reporters and editors, were a few of the remedies which Myers thinks necessary if the country is to be saved.

The attorney made no more attempt to apply his remarks to the business

of the real estate board than did Senator Fisher. His grievance against the "fourth estate" was more general. The publication of the attack on the courts didn't worry Myers so much as the downfall of democracy which has occurred thru the taking over of the government by the newspapers.

Down With Newspapers.

"Newspapers put politicians in office and then dictate their policies," Myers said. (A later speaker called attention to the striking demonstration of this charge in the last state election.)

The speaker lamented the fact that the average citizen lacks education and intelligence, so he all his political opinions formed for him by the newspapers which he reads.

"Under the present system, the newspapers run the country," Myers declared, and worked up several degrees of temperature about it. "We must provide some means of preventing the newspapers from running the country," he reiterated, "or we'd better have a monarchy, or an aristocracy in this country."

"I feel that the sacred liberty of the press should be curtailed," he asserted. "Under the ancient theory of the freedom of the press the newspaper man claims the divine right of printing filthy stuff because it is news. The newspaper which prints such dastardly stuff is an accessory after the fact and should be punished as such."

Myers named names in his tirade. "The Kansas City Star stands in with this organization at the state house, one member of which wants to run for governor," he declared, but without mentioning the name of the organization member with gubernatorial aspirations. "The newspaper has more liberty than any private citizen," he charged.

"Democracy is said to be an ideal

form of government, but sometimes I wonder if we don't have too much democracy for the newspapers."

Real Estate Board Officers.

Previous to the addresses of Senator Fisher and Myers, the real estate board installed J. A. Mansfield as president of the organization, succeeding George L. Tuer; E. C. Seger, past secretary as vice president; W. J. Stanley as secretary, and H. D. K. as treasurer. Reports on the work of the year were rendered by the various outgoing officers.

The business having been concluded before the speaking, the board adjourned immediately thereafter.

WOLF HUNT AT COUNCIL GROVE.
Between 200 and 300 Men Expected in First Drive of Season.

Council Grove, Kan., Dec. 29.—The first wolf hunt of the season, in which between 200 and 300 men are expected to take part, will be held near here today. An area six miles square will be covered in the drive.

On Thursday, January 4, another wolf hunt will be held, of which the proceeds will go to charity. The hunt of January 4 will be managed by the Elks club, of Emporia.

Dies in Search for Health.
Pratt, Kan., Dec. 29.—Pneumonia

caused by a cold which he contracted while burning his way to freighting to the southwest in search of health caused the death in a hospital here Thursday of Benjamin Brooks, 40, of St. Paul, Minn. Brooks reached here last week on a freight broker. He appeared to J. D. Broadwell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who, with Walter Pedigo, chairman of the home service of the Red Cross, put him to a hospital Monday.

Three English girls won a recent annual typewriting competition in France.

Two hundred and seventy tons of rails are required to build one mile of railway.

KLAN REPLACES STOLEN COUPE.
Rev. E. H. Given, Formerly of Topeka, Given Car for Christmas.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 28.—The Rev. E. H. Given, pastor of the United Brethren church here and formerly pastor of the church of that denomination in Topeka, received a Ford coupe as a Christmas present. The car, which was left parked in front of the parsonage, was accompanied by a card stating it was the gift of "Pittsburg Klan No. 22, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Kansas." A car was stolen from the Rev. Mr. Given a few weeks ago and has not been recovered.

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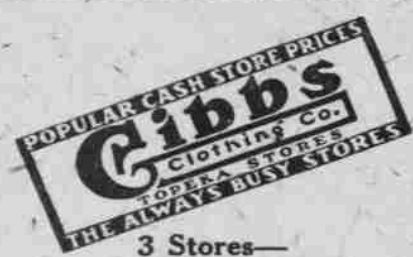
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John C. Howard and his bride, Ora Carew, in their first post-nuptial kiss.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—John C. Howard won by a million or two in Hollywood's latest matrimonial handi-

cap when he led Ora Carew, the film star, to the altar.

Among the "also rans" was Myron Glabier, son of a wealthy Cleveland brass manufacturer, who ran a close second for a time and was reputed to have the purse, the hand and heart of Miss Carew almost within his grasp.

But young Howard, who is the son of John Howard, wealthy and dressing king of Haverhill, Mass., put on an extra burst of speed in the last lap and pulled away from the brass works heir.

The third entry, whose income tax receipt didn't put him in the same class with his competitors, was left at the post.

The wedding ceremony took place with much eclat and more aplomb and the movie stars clicked merrily on.

One ambitious and unromantic photographer managed to catch Howard and his bride in their first clinch after the words the preacher and Howard's own promises had made it incumbent on him to pay Miss Carew's board for life from the profits on his father's salad dressing.

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[Lesson No. 2]

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